GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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RECOVERY OF LIVESHELLS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 200 deadly live explosive shells have been recovered from the Ganga at Garhmukteshwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the policy of the Government to allow importers of deadly war scrap into the country;

(d) whether the importers of scrap material are involved in smuggling of precious metal like gold and silver;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government to prevent the smuggling through containers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) No such recovery has been made by any customs formation.

(b) Nil in view of (a) above.

(c) To check incidence of import of live shells/war material in scrap import, the Government has reviewed import Policy and issue Circular No.56/2004-Cus dated 18-10-04 prescribing the procedure for clearance of imported scrap.

(d) No such case/intelligence has come to the notice of DRI and Customs field formations.

(e) Nil in view of (d) above.

(f) All Customs field formations including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband items including shells/war material in scrap through containers.